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# A New Grandmaster Is Added

enneth Rogoff of Somerville, Mass., was awarded the grandmaster title at the general assembly of the International Chess. Federation in Buenos Aires during the recent World Chess Olympiad. There had been no question about the caliber of Rogoff's play over the last five years, only whether he would compete in events for which grandmaster qualifying norms were established. When tournament invitations are passed out, they go first to established grandmasters.

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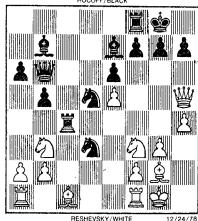
Rogoff remarked, "As you know, my rating is higher than almost 60 percent of the world's grandmasters, so I'm glad that I don't have to be bitter about it any more."

Rogoff's inclusion swells the ranks of United States grandmasters to 13, the third largest number in the world. The Soviet Union has 35 and Yugoslavia 21.

In style, Rogoff is a man for all seasons, combining clear strategy with sharp tactics, as can be seen in his encounter with Grandmaster Samuel Reshevsky in the 1978 Louis D. Statham International Tournament in Lone Pine, Calif.

The capture with 6 ... PxP is one of the most effective ways of meeting the Catalan Opening because, while the white queen uses time recovering the pawn with 7 Q-R4, P-QR3; 8 QxBP, Black advances smoothly with 8 ... P-QN4; 9 Q-B2, making way for a counter-fianchetto on the long diagonal with 9... B-N2.

The most promising way to work for



Position After 18 Q-R5

the initiative would have been 10 B-B4; instead Reshevsky chose the slower, more cumbersome 10 QN-Q2. After 10 ... QN-Q2, it was not possible for White to prevent ... P-B4 by playing 11 N-N3, since 11 ... B-K5; 12 Q-Q1, P-B4 would have given Black no problems.

It was consistent for Reshevsky to advance with 11 P-K4, P-B4; 12 P-K5, but after 12 ... N-Q4; 13 Q-K4, Q-N3, the white center was overextended and flimsly. On 14 PxP, NxBP, Rogoff achieved a clear advantage in developement.

Reshevsky should have attempted to complete his mobilization with 16 N-N3 (not 16 N-K4?, P-KR4 winning a piece), but instead held some vague hope of a kingside attack with 16 P-KR4? On 16 ... N-Q6, he still could not play 17 N-K4? because of 17 ... NxB; 18 QRxN,

N-K6! winning the exchange.

On Rogoff's powerful 17...R-B5, it's understandable that Reshevsky did not want to consign his queen to a backwater with 18 Q-R3, but his 18 Q-R5 was sharply exploited by 18...P-B4! Rogoff's most obvious threat was 19...B-QB3 and 20...B-K1, trapping the queen, but he also threatened 19...RxB!; 20 QRxR, N/4-B5!, winning the queen.

There was no way for Reshevsky to avoid material loss and decisive positional disadvantage, but his 19 PxPc.p. permitted Rogoff to force the win of a piece by 19... NxP/3; 20 Q-N5, BxN!; 21 BxB, N-Q4; 22 Q-R5, P-N3. This would have been a good place for Reshevsky to resign, but, undoubtedly angry with himself over such a drubbing, he chose to go on as self-punishment.

Finally having had enough after 33 ... Q-N5, he resigned.

### **CATALAN OPENING**

White	Black	White	Black
Reshevsky	Rogoff	Reshevsky	Rogoff
1 P-Q4	N-KB3	18 Q-R5	P-B4
2 P-OB4	P-K3	19 PxPe.p.	NxP/3
3 P-KN3	P-Q4	20 Q-N5	BXN
4 B-N2	B-K2	21 BxB	N-Q4
5 N-KB3	0-0	22 Q-R5	P-N3
6 0-0	PxP	23 QxN	PXQ
7 Q-R4	P-QR3	24 BxPch	K-N2
8 QXBP	P-QN4	25 B-K3	Q-Q3
9 Q-B2	B-N2	26 B-N2	NXNP
10 QN-Q2	QN-Q2	27 QR-N1	B-B3
11 P-K4	P-B4	28 N-Q2	Q-R6
12 P-K5	N-Q4	29 NxR	PXN
13 Q-K4	Q-N3	30 P-N4	K-R1
14 PXP	NxBP	32 P-N5	B-N2
15 Q-KN4	QR-B1	32 KR-K1	P-B6
16 P-KR4	N-Q6	33 B-K4	Q-N5
17 N-N3	R-B5	34 Resigns.	

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By Harold Dondis Special to The Globe

The word got around that Ken Rogoff, for many years a student at MIT, had become a Grandmaster but no one knew of any recent tourneys Rogoff had been in, to cop the title.

It turns out he won a GM norm in a tourney in Mexico City. However, he had enough to get the title because he had achieved a GM norm at Orense, 1976

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and Lone Pine 1978 and Interzonals count as International tourneys. Hence, his 1975 Interzonal performance gave him the third norm to qualify.

New Englanders will be happy to hear of Rogoff's new status. Rogoff is temperamentally as far from the prima donna type as one can get. He has not played in New England often but has occasionally given lectures here in which he translates difficult games with lucid and detailed explanations.

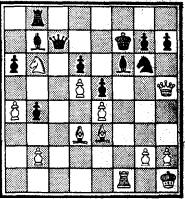
Here is one of Ken Rogoff's wins from the US Championship in Pasadena. This game dealt a severe blow to Larry Christiansen who was contending strongly for a top spot. Notes are based on Rogoff's comments. The early resig-

## Chess calendar

Jan. 1 — The Comfortable Boylston Club Open House, Herb Healy 30/30; fourth-round Swiss, refreshments and relaxation; fee \$10 if in advance; rated and unrated sections. Play and enter, Boylston CC (YMC Union), 48 Boylston st, Boston. Round 1 at 9:45 a.m.

Jan. 4-25 — Boylston, Thursday Night, Swiss No. 52, fourth-round Swiss, YMC Union, 48 Boylston St, Boston 02116; ent. same address. \$7-6.

Jan. 6-7 — Newton, \$700 Open, fourth-round Swiss, Newton Holiday Inn, 399 Grove st. exit 53 off Rt. 128, Newton; 45/2 in 7 sections: Open, Premier (under 1820; classic (under 1700); Amateur (under 1575); Booster (under 1325); Novice (under 1200); Fee, \$15, \$14, \$13, \$12, \$10, \$10 and \$10; Entry: Stephen Dann, 97 Granite st., Worcester, Mass. 01604. NS.



This takes some calculation: white to move and win. Answer elsewhere on page.

nation is explained by Christiansen's comment that he couldn't stand to look at Black's pawns any longer.

### SICILIAN DEFENSE

Christiansen	Rogoff	Christiansen	Regell
White	Black	White	Black
1. P-K4	P-QB4	14. B-R6	P-K4
2. N-KB3	P-Q3	15. N-B3	N-R4 Y
3. P-Q4	PxP	16. P-KN4 ?!	ВхВ
4. NxP	N-KB3	17. PxN 7 (b)	PxBP
5. N-QB3	P-QR3	18. N-KN5 (c)	PxP
6. P-B4	Q-B2	19. BxKP	P-84 I (d)
7. B-Q3	P-KN3	20. B-Q5 ch	K-Ri
8. O-O	B-N2	21. qR-Q1	N-B3 (e)
9. P-QR4	QN-Q2	22. BxB	DxB ch
10. K-R1	P-N3	23. N-B3	P-Q4
11. Q-K1	B-N2	24. N-K2	N-NS
12. Q-R4 ! (a)	0-0	25, QR-K1	P-Q5
13. P-85	QR-K1	26.	Resigna

- (a) An excellent original idea, Black can win a pawn by 12.-NXP, 13, NxN KBxN but 14, P-B5 I gives White a vicious attack
- (b) White overestimates his position he is only slightly interior after 17, PxP !.
- (c) Material equality could be maintained by 18. PxP but (P-Q) 4 would be great for Black.
- (d) This pawn can't be taken because White's bishop is pinned. Black is a pawn plus with a very strong position.
- (e) Cleverly breaking White's blockade. Now 22. RxP loses to NxB, 23. RxR ch RxR, 24. NxN QxP.

### Chess Answer

Q7 ch), 4. B-N5 ch N-K2, 5. Q-N8 mate. K-K5' 3' G-K6 ch K-G1 (3-K-B1' 4 N-(L-PKR, 2. QXP ch wins Q), 2. Q-B5 ch White walks in with I. RxB ch KxR